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Re Application of:

Buford Arlie BOGUE

Serial No.: 10/022,799

Group Art Unit: 1615

Filed: December 20, 2001

Examiner: CHANNAVAJJALA

For: **MICRO- AND NANO-PARTICULATE DRUGS AND METHODS OF MAKING THEREOF**

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

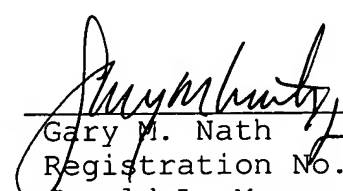
Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application are the following documents:

- (1) Transmittal letter;
- (2) Petition for One-Month Extension of Time;
- (3) Response and Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116; and
- (4) Check no. 20801 in the amount of \$55.00 for the EOT.

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 30, 2004; therefore, a petition for a one-month extension of time and check therefor are being filed herewith, and this response should be considered timely filed.

In view of the following amendments and remarks distinguishing the presently claimed inventive subject matter and the cited prior art, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application. This response should be entered under 37 CFR 1.116 because the amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance.